

The Bible refers to Jesus as “our Passover Lamb” (1 Corinthians 5:7) and the “lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

GETTING STARTED

What is your favorite parade memory (in person or on TV)?

What is the closest you have come to meeting a world leader or celebrity?

LOOKING DEEPER

1. Read Revelation 19:7. What makes “the Lamb” an appropriate metaphor for Jesus as our loving Bridegroom?
2. How can the Church make herself ready for the great wedding with the Lamb of God?
3. What difference does it make if our righteous acts are a gift from God (vs. 8) or from our own personal effort?
4. (a) Read Revelation 19:9 & Matthew 22:1-14. Who has been invited to the wedding feast of the King's son? (See Matthew 22:9 & 10). (b) What are some possible responses to the invitation?
5. Compare Matthew 22:11-12 with Revelation 19:8. Verse 8 refers to the “righteous acts of the saints”. “Saint” is God's favorite name for Christians and it is used over 45 times in the New Testament. Why do you think a saintly life is an essential part of getting ready for the heavenly wedding?
6. Jesus taught us that loving God and loving our neighbors are the greatest commandments (Matthew 22:37-40). How might religious practices help or hurt our loving relationship with God and our neighbor?

TAKE IT WITH YOU — *personal reflection*

What “righteous acts” is God empowering you to do so that you will be pure and ready to love Jesus forever?